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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 9, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on January 9, 2004. This Amendment includes all of the changes and remarks in the Amendment filed by certificate of mail on September 8, 2003 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark office on September 11, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.